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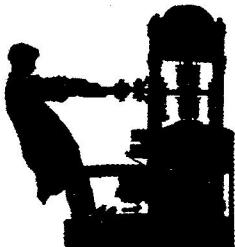
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The success of your club's newsletter is dependent in part on what is submitted for publication. Please, if you have something to share send it to the editor. We are always looking for positive input, so why don't you drop me a line today!

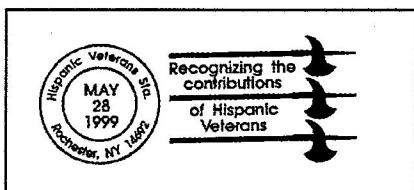
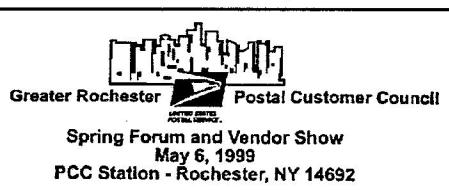


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Remaining Programs This Season

May 13	APS Slide Show	<i>International Organizations on Stamps</i>
May 27	Florence Wright	Topical Night: "Women on Stamps" and "Old Glory"
Jun 10	Business Meeting Elections	
Jun 24	Strawberry Festival	



Current RPA Officers

President- Tom Fortunato
 Vice President- Ed Kawasaki
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Board of Governors

Rick Kase (term expires June 30, 1999)
 Chuck Schultz (term expires June 30, 2000)
 Ray Stone (term expires June 30, 2001)

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

The nominating committee consisting of Elli Phelps and Bob Steeb is looking for people interested in serving terms on the RPA Executive Board. All officers seats and one three year term board seat is looking for nominees.

Anyone interested in serving in any of these positions should contact Bob or Elli at 621-5019.

We meet on the second and fourth Thursday of most months between September and June. Our headquarters are in St. Paul's Episcopal Church Parish Hall, on the corner of East Avenue and Vick Park B, across from the George Eastman House. A buy/sell/trade session runs from 7-7:45 PM, followed by the formal meeting at 7:45 PM. A silent auction concludes most evening's program.

**Topical Collections --
for the Seasoned Philatelist**
(Guest Columnist -- George Hill)

Why in the world would anyone start ANOTHER COLLECTION? It's easy to answer ...fun, challenge, use of duplicates, and new people to meet.

I'll start with the people. Too many of us, today, closet ourselves and our collections because we want to research, categorize, file, and observe excellence within a limited horizon and specialty.

What a welcomed change it would be to find new people with whom to discuss new ideas. New dealers to find and new trading partners to hunt with for something different.

The challenge is to define a topic and try to excel in obtaining a unique accumulation of interesting and informative bits of history. Country restrictions are lost since each area of the world has some things in common. Just what and how you organize the topic requires research but much of it will be in discussion with other collectors of a different genera.

It is great to get all the varieties of a given stamp. No question, this search is consuming and when completed, gives great satisfaction. On the other hand, a topic of singular importance developed with care and refinement presents a different kind of challenge. The result can be displayed with colorful abandon and can encompass greater artistic presentation.

An American Topical Association membership would be an mandatory first step. Their literature is full of ideas that can give you a starting point for a new interest in philately.

New Members
By
Florence Wright

RPA is happy to welcome several new members to the club:

Jantina Cornelison of Rochester collects the world, particularly U.S., Canada and the Netherlands.

You may recall the one who was "clowning" around at Ropex; then welcome **Floyd Seeley** of Brockport. He also belongs to the Western Monroe Philatelic group. His collecting interest? Clowns, of course!

John Powers of Rochester is interested in U.S. singles, and enjoys selling stamp on the web site, Ebay.

Ray Stone will get credit towards his next year's dues by referring **Frank Tritto** as a new member. A Rochester resident, Frank collects the world.

Now that Rick Kase's son and daughter are all grown up, RPA welcomes two new junior members: **Kristen and Michael Ollies** of Westfield, Pennsylvania. No newcomers to Rochester, both have exhibited at ROPEX, and won several awards. Kristen, age 11 likes to collect Queen Elizabeth on stamps, and love stamps. Michael's interest is space.

Ada Prill referred the Ollies' as members. Under the rule that any member who brings in two new members gets their next year's dues paid -- Ada is paid up!

RS Stamp Show
June 5 & 6
Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4
Redmen's Party House
1001 Lexington Ave.
Cor. Mt. Read Blvd
Rochester, N.Y.
Banquet Entrance

Digital Stamps Promise Low-Cost Convenience

--by Eileen McCooey

We've all joked about printing our own money—but did you ever think about printing your own stamps?

That could become more than a pipe dream this summer if the U.S. Postal Service (USPS) approves several products now in beta tests with hundreds of businesses. When that happens, you'll be able to buy postage over the Internet and print digital stamps, called indicia, using your PC and a standard laser or ink jet printer. That means you'll be able to buy postage around the clock without hoofing it to the local post office or footing the monthly bill for a postage meter. You should also enjoy faster, more accurate mail delivery, the USPS promises.

And to top it off, you'll save money. Many small businesses pay \$50 to \$75 a month for meter rental, plus fees for refilling postage. Internet postage carries only a modest service charge, typically 10% of postage costs. If you're spending \$300 a month on postage—the high end of the target market—that's only \$30.

Here's how it works: You download postage from a vendor such as E-Stamp or Stamps.com, two of the first entrants in the category. The USPS requires all providers to use encryption and authentication to safeguard transactions.

With software-only products like Stamps.com's, there's no hardware cost, and application software is free on the Web. But you can print postage only while connected to the Internet, so

it's practical only for users with fairly low mail volume and a persistent Internet connection.

With E-Stamp's hardware and software solution, you download postage from the company's Web site and store it in an "electronic vault" connected to your PC's parallel port. That allows you to print postage as needed without reconnecting to the Internet. But it costs about \$100 for the package. E-Stamp is awaiting approval on a free browser-based



The indicium's bar code contains a digital signature and information such as the postage rate and date.

version that requires no hardware and no software download. With any of these products, you print postage directly onto an envelope, label or document from within a standard Windows application that generates a name and address, such as a word processor or database program. The indicium consists of readable text and a bar code that includes a digital signature and the address, postage rate and mailing date. To prevent fraud, each indicium is unique and can't be photocopied, and postage can be printed only with a valid mailing address.

While the first offerings are aimed at small businesses and consumers, variations for high-volume corporate customers with mainframe or client-server environments are expected to follow.

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OLEPEX

The Olean (NY) Stamp Club hosted its stamp show, OLEPEX'99 on May 1 and 2, with several RPA members involved.

Norm Wright's exhibit, "Selected Rochester (N.Y.) Rail Mail," was awarded a Gold, and **Florence Wright** received a Silver for "Tuberculosis, the Killer," an exhibit extracted from her "Stamping Out Tuberculosis."

At the close of the show Sunday afternoon, Fred Printz, chairman and Mel Follett, club president counted the votes for Most Popular exhibit. Then they announced a tie in the votes for that award, and said, "You two have joint custody" and pointed to the two Wrights!

RPA members Run for APS Seats

Four members of the Rochester Philatelic association are running for seats on the American Philatelic Society Executive Board.

RPA Life member **Gordon C. Morison** is running for Board of Vice Presidents. **Nancy B. Zielinski Clark** for Treasurer. For Director-at-Large, **Ann Triggle**. And our newest RPA member running for APRL Trustee is **John B. Flannery**. John joined the RPA in 1993.

A 50th Anniversary

The American Topical Association observes its fifty years of existence this year and will celebrate with a number of activities at the National Topical Stamp Show (NTSS) in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, July 30 through August 1. Milwaukee is the birthplace of the Topical association, where in 1943, Jerry Husak dreamed the idea of a topical organization, and worked hard to make it a reality. He was 17 years old at the time.

The ATA has grown to include several thousand members, numerous ATA chapters (RPA is one), and 93 study units. Of the affiliate study groups, about 35 have since folded or joined with other related units. The Casey Jones Railroad Unit was the first to be chartered (1950), and is still active with nearly 500 members worldwide.

The study units cover nearly every topic that could be imagined, from Americana to Women on Stamps.

Since May is the month for Mothers' Day and Memorial Day, the program for RPA on Thursday, May 13 will consist of two slide shows – "Women on Stamps" and "Old Glory."

For more on the ATA and its history, check out the *Topical Time* issues for this year. See Joe Doles for the RPA copies in our library.

IN MEMORIAM

George Reynolds

Passed away April 7, 1999. Mr. Reynolds was also a member of the Rochester Garden Club and a veteran of the World War II Medical Corps., a collector of U.S. and Canada and Western Europe.

In lieu of flowers the family has requested donations to the Rochester Civic Garden Center, 5 Castle Park, Rochester, N.Y. 14620 in his memory.

U.S. STAMP PROGRAM

***May 1, Tropical Flowers.** Four 33¢ self-adhesive stamps, pane of 20, SSP; bird of paradise, royal poinciana, gloriosa lily and Chinese hibiscus; Honolulu, HI 96820; *Linn's* Sept. 14, 1998, page 2; April 26, page 1; *May 3, page 8*; USPS item No. 662740 (pane of 20), 662763 (FDC set of four at \$2.16).

May 12, Niagara Falls. Single 48¢ self-adhesive stamp, international rate, pane of 20, AV, Niagara Falls, NY 14302; *Linn's* Dec. 28, 1998, page 2; April 12, page 1; *May 3, page 2*; USPS item No. 552240 (pane), 552220 (block of four), 552261 (FDC at 69¢).

***May 14, Mount Vernon.** Single 20¢ postal card; Mount Vernon, VA 22121; *Linn's* Sept. 14, 1998, page 2; *USPS item No. 227140 (card), 227161 (FDC at 31¢)*.

***May 15, Mount Rainier.** Single 55¢ postal card, international rate; Denver, CO 80202; *Linn's* Sept. 7, 1998, page 9; *May 3, page 11; USPS item No. 229500 (card), 229561 (FDC at 65¢)*.

***May 15, Voyageurs National Park.** Single 60¢ aerogram, BEP, Denver, CO 80202; *Linn's* Sept. 7, 1998, page 9; *May 3, page 11; USPS item No. 223940 (aerogram), 223961 (FDC at 70¢)*.

May 18, John & William Bartram. Single 33¢ commemorative stamp, pane of 20; BCA; Philadelphia, PA 19104; *Linn's* Nov. 23, 1998, page 2; USPS item No. 441740 (pane), 441720 (block of four), 441761 (FDC at 54¢).

May 26, Celebrate the Century. Fifteen commemorative stamps for 1950-59, pane of 15, AP; drive-in movies, *I Love Lucy*, Dr. Suess' *The Cat in the Hat*, rock 'n' roll, victory over polio, tail fins & chrome, World Series rivals, teen fashion, stock car racing, United States launches satellites, Shot Heard 'Round the World, public school desegregation, Rocky Marciano, movies go 3-D, the Korean War; Springfield, MA 01101; *Linn's* April 20, 1998, page 1; *May 3, page 14*; USPS item No. 554540 (pane); 554584 (press sheet at \$19.80); 554562 (FDC at \$6.95).

May 28, Prostate Cancer Awareness. Single 33¢ self-adhesive commemorative stamp, pane of 20; AV; Austin, TX 78710; *Linn's* May 25, 1998, page 1; *Sept. 14, 1998, page 2*; USPS item No. 448240

(pane), 448220 (block of four), 448261 (FDC at 54¢).

Spring, Gen. William "Billy" Mitchell. Single 55¢ self-adhesive stamp, international rate; *Linn's* Dec. 14, 1998, page 11; April 12, page 1.

Spring, Rio Grande. Single 40¢ self-adhesive stamp, international rate; *Linn's* Dec. 28, 1998, page 2; April 12, page 1.

Spring, Grand Canyon. Single 60¢ self-adhesive stamp, international rate; *Linn's* Dec. 28, 1998, page 2; April 12, page 1.

Spring?, Block Island Lighthouse. Single 20¢ definitive postal card and single reply postal card; Block Island, RI 02807; *Linn's* Aug. 3, 1998, page 2; Dec. 14, 1998, page 1; Dec. 21, 1998, page 24.

June 5, Abraham Lincoln. Four 33¢ stamped envelopes, No 6 3/4 and No. 10 sizes; Springfield, IL 62703; *Linn's* Aug. 17, 1998, page 1; Dec. 14, 1998, page 1; Feb. 1, page 2; USPS item No. 213640 (No. 10 regular), 213661 (FDC at 50¢), 213740 (No. 10 window), 213761 (FDC at 50¢), 263440 (No. 6 3/4 regular), 263461 (FDC at 50¢), 263540 (No. 6 3/4 window), 263561 (FDC at 50¢), 213605 (combination packet of four envelopes at \$1.60).

June 18, California Gold Rush. Single 33¢ commemorative, AP, pane of 20; Sacramento, CA 95813; *Linn's* Sept. 14, 1998, page 2; USPS item No. 441540 (pane), 441520 (block of four), 441561 (FDC at 54¢).

June 24, Aquarium Fish. Four 33¢ self-adhesive stamps, BCA, pane of 20; Anaheim, CA 92803, and nationwide; *Linn's* Sept. 14, 1998, page 2; USPS item No. 449140 (pane), 449120 (strip of four), 449163 (FDC at \$2.16), 449184 (press sheet at \$39.60).

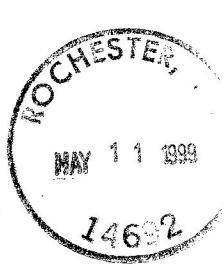
June 25, Xtreme Sports. Four 33¢ self-adhesive stamps for skateboarding, BMX biking, snowboarding and inline skating, AV, pane of 20; San Francisco, CA 94188; *Linn's* Sept. 14, 1998, page 2; USPS item No. 448440 (pane), 448420 (block of four), 448463 (FDC set of four at \$2.16), 448484 (uncut press sheet top), 448486 (uncut press sheet bottom).

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